

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 7/21/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Frank Cunningham, Project Manager (805) 781-4309	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 4			

Reference: 15JUL21-C-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Frank Cunningham, Project Manager
Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 7/21/2015

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution approving the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities.

DISCUSSION

The Posted bridges are those bridges in the County road system that have weight restrictions and no longer have sufficient capacity to carry a full legal load commercial vehicle. These bridges must therefore be "posted" with signs to alert drivers with heavier vehicles of the load limitations. Trash trucks, fire apparatus, concrete mixers, and delivery trucks are typical vehicles that may be limited by these postings.

The Public Works Department proposes to rehabilitate 11 existing bridges which are currently posted with weight restrictions. The bridges are located on the following four County roads:

- Suey Creek Road (one bridge)
- Dana Foothill Road (one bridge)
- Upper Los Berros Road (four bridges)
- Morretti Canyon Road (five bridges)

These older wooden bridges have increased maintenance costs due to rotting wood and on-going need to stabilize the wood decking. Three bridges on Morretti Canyon Road do not span a jurisdictional feature (i.e. waterway) and would either be replaced with a combination of fill and a roadway section or with a culvert and roadway section. The remaining eight bridges span a jurisdictional feature and would be replaced with new bridges. Work would be restricted to the area outside of resource agency jurisdiction. The work will be scheduled and completed in late summer or early fall over multiple years by priority and depending on budgets and funding.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the County Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any potential environmental impacts. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project was prepared by staff of the County Public Works Department Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of suitable mitigation measures that are designed to avoid and/or reduce all possible project-related impacts.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures involving: Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Water/Hydrology. Mitigation measures to be undertaken at each site during construction include:

- fugitive dust control measures
- pre-construction biological surveys
- trash abatement, worker environmental awareness training
- implementation of a spill prevention plan
- best storm management practices

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of an Initial Study, other affected local, State, and Federal Agencies are notified of a proposed project. None of the affected agencies had any comments for the proposed project.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended June 11, 2015; no comments were received.

For work at one bridge on Upper Los Berros Road a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife may be needed if impacts to a large sycamore tree cannot be avoided. When the time comes to rehabilitate this particular bridge, the situation will be evaluated, and an application to CDFW submitted if appropriate.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost associated with adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This project is a multi-year maintenance project budgeted in Road Fund. For FY 2015-16, \$255,000 is budgeted to address four (4) of the eleven (11) bridges. It is anticipated that \$200,000 to \$300,000 will need to be budgeted over the next four years to address the remaining bridges.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the construction phase. Completion of the project will remove the weight restrictions from these bridges and reduce maintenance costs, thereby enhancing public safety on these roadways.

c: Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Maps
2. Resolution Approving the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and adopting the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act